

the past several months, I have been working with several of my House colleagues to draft a comprehensive bill that would significantly increase the production and utilization of renewable fuels in this country. The bill, H.R. 5372, is entitled the Bioenergy Innovation, Optional Fuel Utilization, and Energy Legacy (BIOFUEL) Act of 2006.

Throughout this process, one of my colleagues, the chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, JIM CLYBURN, was among the most helpful and enthusiastic supporters of this legislation. Prior to introduction of the bill, Chairman CLYBURN had made it clear to my office that he would like to be listed as an original cosponsor when the bill was introduced. Unfortunately, due to an oversight on my part, Mr. CLYBURN's name was not included on the bill as an original cosponsor, as it should have been. His name has since been added to the legislation but I regret this error and I wanted my colleagues to know of his invaluable contribution to the bill and that he should be considered an original cosponsor.

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Women's Health Week. It is during this week that the Office on Women's Health, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, urges women to focus on their health.

It is a time when we need to tell all the women in our lives; our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, aunts and friends how important it is to take time out for their health.

This can be as simple as taking the stairs instead of the elevator, eating healthier or scheduling an appointment with their healthcare provider.

A good relationship with your doctor is so important in maintaining your health. Women need to have conversations with their physicians regarding their family health history and the importance of recommended screening tests.

So, today, Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage all of America's women to take a moment to focus on promoting health and preventing disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES "JIM" MAACK

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James "Jim" Maack, who succumbed to cancer on May 4, 2006.

Jim was a newspaper carrier for the Boulder City News for 24 years, starting off with a small delivery route around Lake Mead Parkway and Van Wagenen Street, he took on larger routes until he was delivering papers to

stands and stores throughout the Henderson and Boulder City area. Jim was a good guy, with a great sense of humor, who always had a smile on his face.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of James "Jim" Maack. He was a very special man who enriched the lives of all he encountered.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER DANIEL SHINN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Daniel Shinn, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Daniel Shinn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. MICHAEL CHARLES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Michael Charles on his 50th Music Anniversary. Born in 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri, his musical road began with singing locally in the Novice Choir at Mariah Walker A.M.E. in 1956. He is known as a "Son of Psalms" and as an individual whose name has become synonymous with excellence in sacred music in many religious circles.

Dr. Charles has sung individually and with various gospel and church groups, locally and across this country. He is fortunate to have performed at the Apollo Theater in New York City, and in many notable venues across our Nation. At one of his unforgettable engagements, Dr. Charles was able to meet and receive advice from the late, great, Mahalia Jackson, the First Lady of Gospel music.

Through his association with various gospel groups, churches, and church related associations, in 1992 the ultimate recognition, an Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Music, was bestowed upon him by the Maryland School of Theology and Theism of Baltimore, Maryland. On a more personal level, I have been honored to have Dr. Charles' expertise as the Minister of Music for Saint James United Methodist Church, of which I am the Senior Pastor. He has shown enormous energy while facilitating our music ministry which consists of

eight singing units, two liturgical dance groups, and a seventeen member music staff. This has lead to the recording of two compact discs, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills," and "A Celebration of Praise."

Dr. Charles composed a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the day after he was assassinated, called "Freedom After While." This composition is sung as the finale each year at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Martin Luther King Celebration in Kansas City, Missouri. It is sung with such feeling and emotion that there is hardly a dry eye in the crowd. I may be biased in my praise of him because he is one of my parishioners, but I am privileged to hear Dr. Charles' music and deeply appreciate the time and care he takes with our congregation. May God continue to bless him and give him inspiration.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Michael Charles for his fifty years of utilizing music as a means to bring people and God together, not only within the boundaries of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District which I represent, but within the United States and the entire global community. He represents the best in all of us. I urge my colleagues of the 109th Congress to please join me in congratulating Dr. Michael Charles on celebrating his 50th Musical Anniversary.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MAYOR ROBERT S. BERNSTEIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a man who exemplifies finest combination of civic consciousness, personal drive, and family responsibility. Robert S. Bernstein, Mayor of the Village of Lake Success, has been a catalyst, providing the means and motivation for the continued progress and success of this community.

Half century ago, Robert began his journey in public service as an Eagle Scout. During his tenure at Adelphi University, the student body elected him president of both his freshman and sophomore classes, and as president of the entire student government as a senior. Parallel with his college education, he joined the United States Naval Reserve, and served on active duty for 27 years, retiring at the rank of full Navy Captain. Since then he has served his community in a variety of different capacities: a member of the North Shore University Hospital Cardiology Leadership Committee, a Trustee and then Deputy Mayor of the Village of Lake Success, President of the Great Neck Village Officials Association, and currently as the Mayor of the Village of Lake Success.

Focusing his attention on his community, Robert has accomplished much to be proud of. As a trustee for the Village, he instituted its first Environment Committee in 1986, to promote clean air and water, as well as the safe enjoyment of the outdoors by keeping public land pesticide-free. As Mayor, he improved the infrastructure of the Village by tearing down an old building and building in its place a new Police Station and Courtroom (that doubles as a summer camp for resident children between the ages of three and six), a Community Center, and extra housing for those in need. Robert will step down from his municipal office,